

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 067044

21

ORIGIN OPIC-06

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 NEA-09 ISO-00 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00

OMB-01 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /037 R

DRAFTED BY OPIC/ID/MEA JA

APPROVED BY EB/IFD/OIA: RJ

EB/IFD/OIA:DHSTEBBING

OPIC/ID/MEA:CHMIDDLETON

AF/EPS:RBDUNCAN

----- 095261

R 251823Z MAR 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY BANJUL

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 067044

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS
AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE
AMEMBASSY TUNIS
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

UNCLAS STATE 067044

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EINV

SUBJECT: DELAYS IN CURRENCY CONVERSION

1. PART OF OPIC'S POLITICAL RISK INSURANCE FOR AMERICAN INVESTORS IS INSURANCE AGAINST A DETERIORATION OF EXISTING CURRENCY CONVERTIBILITY RIGHTS. IN COUNTRIES WHERE AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION OF THE INSURANCE CONTRACT OPIC KNOWS OF NO SIGNIFICANT DELAY BY EXCHANGE AUTHORITIES IN APPROVING TRANSFERS OF LOCAL CURRENCY TO U.S. DOLLARS, THE OPIC STANDARD CONTRACT OF INSURANCE WILL PERMIT THE INVESTOR TO MAKE AN INCONVERTIBILITY CLAIM AGAINST OPIC IF A REQUEST FOR TRANSFER BY AN INSURED INVESTOR IS NOT HONORED WITHIN EITHER THIRTY DAYS, IF A RESULT OF ACTIVE BLOCKAGE, OR SIXTY DAYS, IF A RESULT OF PASSIVE BLOCKAGE.

2. WHERE DELAYS IN TRANSFER EXIST AT THE TIME OF THE EXECUTION OF THE INSURANCE CONTRACT AND ARE KNOWN TO OPIC, OPIC'S CONTRACT MAY INCLUDE SPECIAL LANGUAGE TO EXPAND THE WAITING PERIOD.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OPIC HAVE ACCURATE AND CURRENT INFORMATION ON ANY PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES WHICH CAUSE DELAYS IN CURRENCY TRANSFERS. SUCH PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES MIGHT BE OF GENERAL APPLICATION OR OF SPECIAL

APPLICATION TO LOANS (PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST), REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL, DIVIDENDS, ROYALTIES, LEASE PAYMENTS, OR TO CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, INVESTORS, COMMODITIES,
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 067044

ETC.

4. REQUEST THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS REPORT THE CONVERSION PERIOD OR PERIODS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT. IF DELAYS OVER THIRTY DAYS ARE MORE THAN INFREQUENT, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REASONS FOR THE DELAYS.

5. IN OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION IT IS IMPORTANT TO GO

BEYOND OFFICIAL BANK AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES TO THE ACTUAL
EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN INVESTORS SINCE THERE MAY BE A
VARIANCE OF INFORMATION. POSTS MAY REFERENCE PREVIOUS
REPORTING IF THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE. WE WOULD APPRECI-
ATE PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN
CONVERSION PRACTICES THAT MAY OCCUR KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSURANCE, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES, CURRENCY CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE067044
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ID/MEA JA
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750105-0089
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750317/aaaaapcr.tel
Line Count: 121
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN OPIC
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 JUN 2003 by maginmm>; APPROVED <26 FEB 2004 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ELAYS IN CURRENCY CONVERSION
TAGS: EINV, US, IV
To: ABIDJAN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006